IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ANDREW KALMAR'S RETIREMENT

## HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Andrew Kalmar's retirement as Wood County Administrator and recognize his outstanding career. Andrew has been administrator for twenty-two years and has proven himself to be a leader for both his department and county.

Andrew, originally from Troy, Ohio, graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He also received a Master of Public Administration degree. Andrew began his career with the Wood County Commissioners in January 2000 after serving as the director of the Wood County Park District.

Over the span of Andrew's tenure as administrator, Wood County has built a strong financial position, experienced economic growth and development, made improvements to county facilities, and increased efficiency of departmental operations. Also, Andrew played

a key role in the construction of the Alvin L. Perkins Atrium at the Wood County Courthouse and office complex. During the last two years, Andrew has been instrumental in guiding Wood County through the COVID–19 pandemic while still maintaining productivity throughout all aspects of county work. Andrew's character and leadership have contributed to the success of Wood County, making it a remarkable place to live and work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Andrew Kalmar in recognition of his service to Wood County. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I wish Andrew all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his many years of service.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF SCOTT BROWN

## HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

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Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Scott Brown from Se-

attle, Washington who is retiring from Roosevelt High School as the director of bands after 38 years of dedicated service.

Over his distinguished career, Mr. Brown has inspired and empowered thousands of students in Washington's 7th Congressional District. Mr. Brown was committed to ensuring his students had the resources they needed to succeed and had an expectation of excellence, holding his students to the highest standards. His dedication helped lead the Roosevelt High School Jazz Band to four first place wins at the Essentially Ellington Festival and between 1999 and 2022, the band made it to the finals of the competition an unprecedented 22 times. Mr. Brown's efforts and passion for teaching have not gone unrecognized. In 2004. Mr. Brown was named Jazz Educator of the Year by DownBeat magazine and both the Washington Music Educators Association and Seattle's Earshot Jazz have inducted him into their halls of fame.

Now, as he enters retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Mr. Brown's accomplishments and service to his students. Through his students, Mr. Brown's legacy will continue to grow and touch the lives of those in the Seattle metropolitan area and beyond.